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The Radio Club of Smith College is the result of a need felt by the students of Smith College for a radio station on their campus. After preliminary research during the summer, Betty Specht, President of Student Council, appointed Marjorie Boselly to conduct research on the possibility of carrying out this project at Smith. President Davis appointed Miss Mary Arbenz faculty advisor.

After considerable research during the fall it seemed as though the station would be a reality by February. The administration gave its support, and the student body showed its enthusiasm by voting \$2600 of blanket tax money for the station. However, due to unforeseeable technical difficulties additional research was necessary before the station could be set up. In order to obtain this information about campus radio the club joined the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System which consists of 101 colleges having campus radio stations. We received much assistance from Wellesley, Radcliffe, Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr, Williams, Yale, and many other colleges. Because of this additional research the difficulties have now been removed, and the student body and administration expect that the station will be in operation at the opening of college next fall.

The first official meeting of the Radio Club of Smith College was called to order on December 2nd, 1947. The purpose of the station was stated as three-fold. First, we plan to give the student a type of program directed toward her particular interests since commercial radio fails to meet the student's needs. Second, we hope to integrate curricular and extra-curricular activities on campus. And third, we hope to give all those interested a chance to gain practical experience in the field of radio. The steering committee of Radio Club consists of the heads of the five divisions of Radio Club plus two representatives elected from the club, the Executive Secretary, and the Station Manager. For the past year the heads of the committees have been as follows:

Elected Representatives

Production
Finance
Technical
Advertising
Executive Secretary
Station Manager

Louise Dietz '49
Corinne Benson '50
Barbara Ungerleider '49
Elizabeth Banks '48
Eleanor Echikson '50
Judy Emil '49
Grace Marshall '48
Marjorie Boselly '48

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The general activities of the club this year have included lectures on radio for members of the club by Miss Lorentz and Mr. Tuttle of the faculty, the plans for a comprehensive advertising campaign next year, and continued research in the technical and financial divisions. A poll of the student body to determine the favorite type program showed that classical and semi-classical music was most popular. The production division has been active in organizing a radio program which will be broadcast on April 16th at Williams College.

Although the actual station did not exist on campus this year, the enthusiasm of the club has been such that we have been able to fulfill at least part of our purpose by going to Williams and by training personnel for next year.

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